

CAME FROM CAPERS' OFFICE

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not care to talk for publication as all of the newspapers had treated him unfairly. He went so far as to say, however, that the articles sent out from Washington to the State papers, containing what purported to be a part of the complaint that he would file in his election contest, were absolutely unauthorized. He says that no one has been given a copy of the complaint, that it has not been signed, filed, or even a copy of it sent to Mr. Hackett as yet. He hinted at the idea of a warrant, and remarked, as he stretched himself to his full height, "Wouldn't you like to see the man that would serve a warrant on me?"

He said that he would file his complaint in due time and that then a copy of it would be sent to Mr. Hackett, who has given out a statement to the effect that he has not yet received a copy of the complaint. Until it is filed, the congressman will not divulge what it may or may not contain.

It is learned that no steps to institute the proceedings against Mr. Blackburn have been taken by Governor Glenn or his attorneys yet other than that the Governor has conferred with his former law partner, Mr. Clement Manly, of Winston-Salem, and they have not yet agreed whether to commence criminal or civil proceedings for the alleged libel of the Governor.

Mr. Blackburn and his friends say that the matter has been given too much prominence by the newspapers and that the noise and rivalry brought about are wholly disproportionate to the minor importance of the matter. Judging from the public interest and the amount of talk it has caused here, they are somewhat mistaken.

BLACKBURN ISSUES STATEMENT

Congressman Blackburn this afternoon authorized the following statement: "The statement in last Sunday's morning papers concerning the notice of my contest upon Mr. Hackett and the reflections upon Governor Glenn, is without my authorization. My notice to him signed by myself will be sufficient for public scrutiny. Thus far any signature appearing in the papers purporting to be mine is a forgery. In the notice of my contest, which I have issued, there will be found no suggestion of corruption on the part of Governor Glenn. The notice will speak for itself."

The above statement was given by Congressman Blackburn to Solicitor Brooks, into whose hands Governor Glenn placed the matter, and Solicitor Brooks will wait to see what the developments show before taking any action. If there is any proceeding against Blackburn, Solicitor Brooks will be assisted by Mr. Clement Manly, of Winston-Salem, who was here this afternoon conferring with Messrs. Justice and Brooks, who will assist in the prosecution of Blackburn, it is said. The attorneys refused to talk for publication. Since Congressman Blackburn has given out the statement denying having furnished to newspaper correspondents or to any one the purported extracts from his complaint in the election fraud case, it is understood that Governor Glenn will let the matter rest for the present.

WILL PROSECUTE BLACKBURN.

Governor Glenn Declares the Congressmen From the Eighth District Must Go to Jail or He (Governor Glenn) Must Be Impeached—Blackburn Denies Issuing Statement.

By Associated Press. Raleigh, Jan. 2.—Governor Glenn announced today that he would leave for Greensboro to-night to appear before the grand jury which will be asked to indict Congressman E. Spencer Blackburn, of the eighth district, on a charge of criminal libel. "I have not been able to hear from the solicitor of the district," said the Governor. This action follows charges made in a letter from Blackburn sent out from Washington, on Saturday last, in which he stated to Congressman-elect R. N. Hackett, the Democrat elected in the eighth district, his grounds for contesting the election, alleging among other things that there had been a conspiracy in which Governor Glenn used his influence to secure Hackett's election, and, as a member of the State text-book commission, voted to put books of the American Book Company on the State list of public school books, in return for which the American Book Company contributed large sums of money to corrupt the voters of the eighth congressional district, while in return Hackett was to use his influence to have Governor Glenn elected United States Senator to succeed the present Senator from North Carolina, Lee S. Overman.

In a card published to-day Hackett denies Blackburn's charges. "I shall prosecute Blackburn to the full extent of the law," Governor Glenn said to the Associated Press. "One of two things must be done. I must be impeached or Blackburn must be sent to jail."

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NO ACTION TAKEN.

Messrs. Manly & Hendren, Former Law Partners of Governor Glenn, Say the Nature of Proceedings, if Brought, is Yet Undetermined. Special to The Observer. Winston-Salem, Jan. 2.—Messrs. Manly & Hendren, former law partners of Governor R. B. Glenn, were questioned to-day regarding a report that they, with Solicitor Brooks of Greensboro, had been engaged to represent the Governor in proceedings looking to the prosecution of Congressman Blackburn for criminal libel, for alleged slanderous charges made against Governor Glenn in a letter purporting to have been written by Blackburn and sent to Congressman R. N. Hackett. Mr. Manly admitted that he held a conference with Governor Glenn over the long business telephone last evening regarding the matter.

In response to a query Mr. Manly stated so far as his firm knew, no warrant had been issued for Mr. Blackburn and that none would be until after mature consideration to see what character of action the law would authorize—whether criminal or civil proceedings.

Continuing, Messrs. Manly & Hendren said that "while the people of North Carolina know that the state-

ment made against Governor Glenn is false, yet this outrageous slander should not be allowed to go unrebuked. Mr. Blackburn should be made to retract or prove his charges." A prominent lawyer here expressed the opinion this morning that Blackburn could be indicted for criminal libel, the penalty of which, if convicted, is a term of two years on the State penitentiary. The question has been raised whether Blackburn can be arrested until after his term in Congress expires, March 4. The several lawyers interviewed were not prepared to give an answer until after an investigation.

GOV. GLENN HOLDS UP.

On Hearing of Blackburn's Denial He Tells Solicitor Brooks That No Action Will Be Taken If Blackburn Can Sign Affidavit of Denial. Observer Bureau. The Holloman Building. Raleigh, Jan. 2.

Your correspondent entered the Governor's office at 1 o'clock to talk with His Excellency about the status of the Spencer Blackburn matter, and found the Governor talking over the telephone with Solicitor A. L. Brooks, of Greensboro. The Governor said that he had wired Brooks this morning to have Blackburn arrested in Greensboro, and to employ Edward J. Justice to assist in the prosecution for criminal libel. Solicitor Brooks told the Governor in his message this afternoon that he went to look for Blackburn and found the latter on the street. Blackburn coming forward and saying he had learned he was to be arrested, and said that he had not made the charges against the Governor, and that if he were arrested the wrong man would be taken. Blackburn manifested his desire to do anything to get himself straight in the matter, and the Governor told Solicitor Brooks that if Blackburn would sign an affidavit and have the latter published in the papers in this State and elsewhere, which had published the attack upon the Governor given out as made by Blackburn, then such case the criminal prosecution would be withdrawn. Blackburn was vehement in his denial that he was the man who had made any such publication. It was certainly a very strange situation—as one State official put it, "A pretty kettle of fish."

It is remarked that it was very strange that such a publication was made, and that now the matter would be up to the newspapers, who, of course, would trace the source of their information as to this most sensational matter.

Book Commission Indignant.

Observer Bureau. The Holloman Building. Raleigh, Jan. 2. State Auditor Dixon says that the State text-book commission met today and discussed the outrage of the charge against the Governor published in Sunday's papers over the signature of Congressman Blackburn, who now denies its authorship. The commission decided to fully support Governor Glenn in any steps he might take in the matter. The commission is very indignant at the absolutely unfounded charges, which are as foolish as they are false. Auditor Dixon remarked: "I would just as soon be convicted of being a knave as a fool."

THE WEATHER.

Washington, Jan. 2.—Forecast for Thursday and Friday: Virginia, rain Thursday; Friday clearing with colder in west and north portions; light to fresh east winds becoming variable Friday. North Carolina and South Carolina, rain Thursday and probably Friday; Friday fair, colder; fresh south winds shifting to northwest. Eastern Texas, rain Thursday, except fair in northwest portion, colder; Friday fair, colder; fresh south winds shifting to northwest. Louisiana, rain Thursday; Friday fair, colder; fresh south winds shifting to northwest. Mississippi, rain and colder Thursday; Friday fair, colder; fresh south winds shifting to northwest. Eastern Texas, rain Thursday, except fair in northwest portion, colder; Friday fair, colder; fresh south winds shifting to northwest. Louisiana, rain Thursday; Friday fair, colder; fresh south winds shifting to northwest. Mississippi, rain and colder Thursday; Friday fair, colder; fresh south winds shifting to northwest. Arkansas, clearing and colder Thursday; Friday fair. Kentucky, Tennessee, rain Thursday, colder in west portion; Friday fair, colder in west portion. West Virginia, rain Thursday; Friday colder and partly cloudy, snow in the mountain districts.

LOCAL OFFICE U. S. WEATHER BUREAU. Charlotte, Jan. 2.—Sunrise 7:31 a. m.; sunset 5:23 p. m. HIGHEST TEMPERATURE (in degrees) 64. Lowest temperature 44. Precipitation (in inches) 0. Excess for the day 0. Accumulated excess for month 28. Accumulated excess for year 28. PRECIPITATION (in inches) 0. Total for 24 hours ending 5 p. m. 0. Total for the month 0. Total for the year 0. Accumulated deficiency for month 0. Accumulated deficiency for year 32. Prevailing wind direction S. E. W. J. HENNETT, Observer.

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Three houses on Water street were washed away, as also was the grandstand at Whittington Park. At least 20 bridges were swept down stream and in the lower part of the city, lumber manufacturers lost many thousands of feet of lumber. There were no trains in or out of the city after the early morning trains arrived, on any road. The Rock Island's afternoon train after proceeding about five miles, was forced to return to the city. The Little Rock & Hot Springs Western track is under 6 feet of water for a distance of 600 yards a short distance from the city. To-night rain is still falling, and further damage, it is feared, will result.

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